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SUBJECT : GOQ OIL ADVISOR'S REQUEST RE HIS SON'S APPLICATION
TO MIT

FOR LUMSDEN, NEA/ARP

1. DR. TAHIR HADIDI, SENIOR OIL ADVISOR
TO GOQ HAS ASKED MY ASSISTANCE IN HELPING HIS SON DR.
MUHAMMAD T. HADIDI OBTAIN ADMISSION AS GRADUATE STUDENT
IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING AT MIT. ACCORDING HADIDI, HIS SON
HAS ALREADY APPLIED FOR ADMISSION IN SEPTEMBER 1975, AND
IS WELL-QUALIFIED HAVING GRADUATED FROM CAIRO UNIVERSITY
IN ENGINEERING AT TOP OF CLASS. HADIDI SAID HIS SON HAS
APPLIED AT PRINCETON AND HARVARD, BUT HAS STRONG PREFERENCE
FOR MIT.

2. I TOLD HADIDI THAT DEPARTMENT HAD ABSOLUTELY NO RPT
NO INFLUENCE ON ADMISSION DECISIONS AT US UNIVERSITIES
AND IN FACT, INTERVENTION WAS OFTEN RESENTED AND COUNTER-
PRODUCTIVE. HADIDI RESPONDED THAT ALTHOUGH HE UNDERSTANDS THIS,
(HE HIMSELF IS PRINCETON ALUMNUS) HE WAS ASKING
US TO ASCERTAIN FROM MIT WHAT HIS SON'S ADMISSION
CHANCES WERE, AND PERHAPS TO EXPRESS "FRIENDLY INTEREST" IN
APPLICATION.

3. COMMENT: AS NOTED ABOVE, I AM AWARE THAT U.S.
UNIVERSITIES DON'T APPRECIATE OUR POKING OUR NOSE INTO
THEIR ADMISSION BUSINESS. HOWEVER, I WOULD APPRECIATE
YOUR TRYING TO FIND OUT WHAT HADIDI'S SON'S CHANCES
ARE, SO THAT I CAN TELL HIM THAT WE AT LEAST LOOKED
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